

## **10-Year New Highway Construction Plan Fact Sheet**

### **INDOT's Finances**

- In January, the Daniels' administration discovered INDOT did not have enough money to build all of the new construction projects promised during previous administrations.
- Most new construction projects are at risk of not being built with existing funding streams.

### **Maintenance/New Construction**

- INDOT invests \$500 million each year on projects to preserve the current highway system. These types of projects include highway resurfacing, road reconstruction and bridge rehabilitation. Over the next 10 years, INDOT expects to invest \$5.3 billion in preservation projects.
- \$250 million is devoted annually toward new construction, such as added travel lanes, bridge construction and interchanges.

### **New Prioritization System**

- In May 2005, INDOT announced an initiative to prioritize new highway construction projects and recommend strategies to pay for the needed work. The program's goal is to create a 10-year list of new highway construction projects.
- INDOT's rating system is based on 11 critical criteria – including a project's potential for contributing to economic growth. INDOT's planning staff analyzed every highway project on the books. Each was rated and ranked based on this examination. Based on available data, the department produced a preliminary list of projects for the 10-year highway project plan.
- For the first time, during the summer of 2005, INDOT asked state legislators, businesses and citizens to rate proposed highway projects in their area based upon their economic development potential, ability to increase safety and enhance mobility. The results of the surveys were included the larger analysis of the state's transportation system.
- In August 2005, INDOT hosted 12 public meetings across the state to introduce the preliminary scores of approximately 200 new highway construction projects. Citizens learned more about how INDOT scores and prioritizes projects. Also, attendees asked questions about specific projects and provided further details to assist INDOT in refining its 10-year project list.
- In September 2005, Governor Daniels launched Major Moves: Creating a Top-Tier Economy Through Top-Tier Transportation. This fall, meetings with legislators, local officials and businesses will be conducted to outline steps necessary for the state to realize its transportation future.
- The program cannot become reality without additional funding and legislative action. INDOT will present funding alternatives for the state legislators to consider during the 2006 session of the General Assembly.